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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: LIBERIA GLOBE AIR CORP.

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CASABLANCA FOR RCAA

1. COMMERCIAL ATTACHE HAS CONTACTED GOL DIRECTOR GENERAL CIVIL AVIATION TO ASCERTAIN IF LIBERIA HOLDS LANDING RIGHTS FOR POINTS LIBERIA GLOBE AIR CORP. (LGAC) PROPOSES SERVE. GDCA HAS PROMISED RESPONSE, BUT CIVAIR AGENCY PRESENTLY IN STATE OF MILD TURMOIL AND INFORMATION NOT YET AVAILABLE. WILL PROVIDE ASAP.

2. ROBERT HYKAL (COUSIN OF ELI KYKAL AND ASSOCIATE IN LGAC) REPORTS ELI KYKAL PRESENTLY IN BEIRUT (ADDRESS: METCO INTL., P.O. BOX 6240, BEIRUT) BUT PLANNING ARRIVE MONROVIA MID-MARCH WITH QTE OTHER OFFICERS OF LGAC TO MAKE FINAL ARRANGEMENTS, AND SET UP OFFICE UNQTE. ROBERT KYKAL DOES NOT HAVE DETAILS, BUT HE SAYS HE IS SURE EVERYTHING IS QTE READY TO GO UNQTE WITH REGARD TO LANDING RIGHTS, AIRCRAFT, ETC. IF DESIRED, EMBASSY WILL CONTACT LGAC OFFICERS ON ARRIVAL MONROVIA FOR FURTHER INFORMATION.

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3. PRESIDENT OF AIR LIBERIA (HUGYES AIR WEST MANAGEMENT) OFFERED

PERSONAL OPINION ON FUTURE OF LGAC BY SAYING HE THOUGHT HYKAL QTE FOOLISH UNQTE IF HE GOES AHEAD WITH SCHEME SINCE QTE AIR LIBERIA HAS THE OPTION OF TAKING OVER ANY ROUTE WE PLEASE ON SIX MONTHS NOTICE UNQTE. THE IMPLICATION BEING THAT AIR LIBERIA WOULD BE INTERESTED IN ANY AIR RIGHTS HELD BY GOL THAT APPEARED PROFITABLE.

4. EMBASSY NOT AWARE OF ANY AIR LIBERIA PLANS TO EXTEND SERVICE TO THAT CONTEMPLATED BY LGAC, HOWEVER IT IS IN PROCESS OF MODERNIZING AND EXPANDING FLEET, POSSIBLY TO INCLUDE ONE OR TWO JETS (737 OR DC-9 CLASS) WITH CARGO CARRYING CAPABILITY. INITIAL JET ROUTES WOULD BE REGIONAL, BUT POSSIBLY INTERESTED IN EXPANDING OPERATIONS TO EUROPE.

5. FYI: GOL HAS RECENTLY REQUESTED USG BEGIN NEGOTIATIONS ON BI-LATERAL AIR SERVICES AGREEMENT, AND HAS NOTIFIED PAN AM OF ITS DESIRE NEGOTIATE BLOCK-SEAT ARRANGEMENT FOR NY-MONROVIA RUN. EMBASSY UNAWARE IF SIMILAR APPROACH MADE TO OTHER EMBASSIES, OR WHETHER THESE MOVES HAVE ANY BEARING ON AIR LIBERIA EXPANSION PLANS.
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